

the rates to be much higher than originally expected. This report will help the CDC to provide a more comprehensive picture of cerebral palsy and advance efforts to provide better services for these children.

Raising awareness of cerebral palsy is integral in the fight against this debilitating condition. I encourage my colleagues to work with Senator CASEY and me to designate March 25, 2008 as "National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day."

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I am proud to submit, along with Senator SPECTER, this resolution declaring March 25 as National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day. With this resolution, it is my hope that we can increase education and public awareness about cerebral palsy among the general public and the medical community.

Cerebral palsy, commonly referred to as CP, is not one disorder but many. It includes any number of neurological disorders that may appear in infancy or early childhood and permanently affect body movement and the muscle coordination necessary to maintain balance and posture. CP is caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain, usually occurring during fetal development, or before or during birth or shortly thereafter.

Although most children with CP are born with it, it is often not detected until months or years later. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that about 10,000 babies will develop cerebral palsy each year in the United States. According to the March of Dimes, about 2 to 3 children per 1,000 have cerebral palsy.

An estimated 800,000 people in the United States have CP. The average lifetime cost of cerebral palsy is estimated at nearly \$1.5 million. This includes expenses associated with additional doctor visits, speech and physical therapy, surgery, prescription drugs, transportation, emergency room visits, residential care, and other needed expenses. Children with cerebral palsy need much more attention than other children do. They have special needs for movement, interaction, and communication and require daily assistance and therapy. Many times, parents do not know where to turn.

Clearly, children and families affected by cerebral palsy need our help, our understanding, and resources for research and treatment. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recently released information showing that the incidence of cerebral palsy is increasing and the rate is now about 1 in 278 children. While we presently have no cure for cerebral palsy, we do have treatments that will do much to improve a child's abilities to live the fullest life possible. Most children with CP have the capacity for intellectual and emotional development, sometimes far beyond what others may expect of them. Life may be more challenging and stressful, but that should not prevent these children from getting

all the help and resources we can offer them and their families.

Scientists and researchers are hopeful that we will achieve a breakthrough in treating cerebral palsy. But to do so, we must make this disorder a priority in our research and medical communities.

Every child and adult with cerebral palsy faces unique challenges and their treatment and therapy must be tailored to meet their own unique needs. But they do have one thing in common—they all share an intrinsic value and worth as human beings and children of God, equal to the value and worth of any other human being on this Earth. Many times, individuals with disabilities in one area have great gifts in other areas. With loving attention and care—and with more research into treatments and assistive resources—individuals with cerebral palsy can access their own unique gifts and full potential. Increasing public awareness about CP can help the general public to understand the contributions such individuals have to make to their families, communities and our society at large.

It is my fervent hope that this resolution will help Americans to understand and recognize the importance of assisting our fellow citizens who have cerebral palsy, of providing support for their family members and research dollars for foundations and leading Government agencies.

SENATE RESOLUTION 485—RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF HOWARD METZENBAUM, FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms.

SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution:

S. RES. 485

Whereas Howard Metzenbaum served the people of Ohio with distinction for 8 years in the Ohio State Legislature;

Whereas Howard Metzenbaum served the people of Ohio with distinction for 18 years in the United States Senate;

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Howard Metzenbaum, former member of the United States Senate.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate recesses today, it stand in recess as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Howard Metzenbaum.

SENATE RESOLUTION 486—TO CONGRATULATE THE X PRIZE FOUNDATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO INSPIRE A NEW GENERATION OF VIABLE, SUPER-EFFICIENT VEHICLES THAT COULD HELP BREAK THE ADDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO OIL AND STEM THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH THE AUTOMOTIVE X PRIZE COMPETITION

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted the following resolution;

S. RES. 486

Whereas the United States is heavily dependent on foreign sources of oil that are concentrated in tumultuous countries and regions;

Whereas the national security and economic prosperity of the United States demand that the United States moves toward a sustainable energy future;

Whereas the ability of foreign governments to assert great control over oil production allows unfriendly regimes to use energy exports as leverage against the United States and allies of the United States;

Whereas continued reliance on the use of greenhouse gas intensive-fuel may have significant economic and political impacts as the effects of global climate change take hold;

Whereas the transportation sector is heavily dependent on oil, which makes the people of the United States vulnerable to oil price fluctuation and is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions;

Whereas many promising technologies exist that could lead to a breakthrough vehicle that will meet the need for sustainable transportation;

Whereas breakthroughs are often achieved by the free market fueling the entrepreneurial spirit of inventors and investors;

Whereas the Automotive X PRIZE is a private, independent, technology-neutral competition being developed by the X PRIZE Foundation to inspire a new generation of viable, super-efficient vehicles that could help break the addiction of the United States to oil and stem the effects of climate change; and